

Marshfield Conservation Commission  
129<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Meeting of 6 March 2019

Members Present: Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Anne Miller, Bob Popp, Annie Reed, Rachel Rudi

Visitors: Karen Bates, Winooski Watershed Planner and Pam DeAndrea, CVRPC

Minutes: February Minutes Accepted as presented

Treasurers Report

- None provided, tabled

Presentation on Surface Water Reclassification: Pam

- 2016 legislation to revise classification of surface waters. Also imposed antidegradation requirement where classification may not decline w/o strong socio economic justification.
- Purpose to improve ability to protect maintain & enhance surface water.
- Winooski Tactical Basin Plan 2018: Identifies potential waters for reclassification
- CVRPC is assisting in outreach and education associated with the reclassification

Classification Structure

- A1 Highest Quality: often in upland undisturbed areas
- A2 Water Supplies
- Previous B Quality has now been split into B1 and B2.
- B1 High Quality: higher quality than previous. By default all stream previously classified as B became B2, but some warrant this higher classification.
- B2 the remainder by default. Need to reclassify individual stream to become B1.

Waters can have different classes for different uses. There are 8 different uses. So can be B1 for boating, but B2 for aquatic biota, etc.

Marshfield Potential Reclassifications

- Nasmith: B1 Aquatic Biota & Fishing
- Guernsey/King Brook: B1 Aquatic Biota
- Lye Brook: B1 Fishing
- Spicer Brook: B1 Aquatic Biota & Fishing
- Lanes Brook: Aquatic Biota & Fishing

### Reclassification Process

- Community outreach
- Public petition
- Template can be used by towns or originate with state
- Dept of Env Conservation needs to approve then finalize via rulemaking which entails submitting proposed reclassification to Legislative Com on Administrative Rules
- Municipal Support is key

### Upper Winooski Forest Flood resilience potential target Parcels

- Excludes parcels in UVA or <80% forested
- Prioritization of parcels in 3 towns (Cabot, Plndlf, Marshfld) from water quality perspective.
- Important for flood resilience & water quality maintenance.

### Watershed Grant

- Annie & Bob apologized to the Select Bd for not getting their approval prior to submission. They approved after the fact.
- Members assumed that they would do the landscape recon, Landowner ID, and contact for permission.

### Natural Marshfield.

\$437 remaining in the account following the Sue Morse talk.

### Plant Sale Brochure:

- Brochures were distributed at both Plnflld & Marshfld Town Mtg
- Annie put on Front Porch Forum
- **Annie** will speak with Bobbi re. putting on town website.
- Packaging of material on **Friday, Apr 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 : Anne, Allen, Ed. Rachel & Steve**
- Distribution: **Sat April 27 @ 9: Annie, Taber, Allen, Anne, Ed**

### Town Meeting Debriefing:

- Thanks to Steve for setting up our display

### Caring for Your Woods: Waterwise Woodlands

- Sat, March 30 from 9 to 1
- 9 Pancake Breakfast
- 10: Presentations

- 11:15 Workshops
  - Mapping your property
  - Tree pruning
  - Winter tree ID

#### Martin Cover Bridge

- Allen mentioned that some planted trees with wire mesh need attention.

#### Agenda Item for next month

Discussion of proposed zoning change

Pros:

- More consistent
- Removed block of Rural Res in middle of

Con:

- Allows fragmentation
- Increased probability of incursions by pets
- Increased likelihood of introduction of NNIS
- Little demand for add'l 150 ft; costly to build & maintain.

Submitted by: Bob Popp

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Approved on: 3 April 2019